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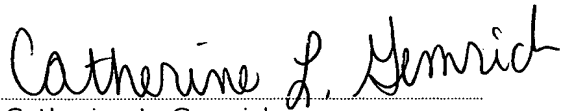
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In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97, this information is submitted before the mailing of the first Official Action. No fee is due.

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Respectfully submitted,

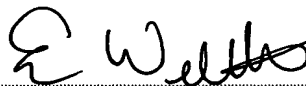


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